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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON WASTE OF U.S. AID

1. I NOTE IN TODAY'S WIRELESS FILE ELIZABETH BECKER ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN JUNE 21 ISSUE OF WASHINGTON POST. "EYE WITNESS" WHO SAW ME AT POCHENTONG AIRPORT CRITICIZING FANK FOR NOT HANDING OUT UNIFORMS AND IN ANGER SETTING THEM ON FIRE SHOULD BE HIRED AS FICTION WRITER. I AM APPALLED THAT RESPONSIBLE NEWSPAPER SHOULD PRINT SUCH UNADULTERATED FABRICATION. THE ENTIRE STORY ABOUT MY INVOLVEMENT IS WITHOUT SLIGHTEST FOUNDATION. I NEVER WENT TO AIRPORT ON INSPECTION TOUR NOR DISCUSSED ISSUANCE OF UNIFORMS. FINALLY, I DON'T CONSIDER MYSELF TO BE A PYROMANIAC. IF EA/LC CONSIDERS IT APPROPRIATE, IT MIGHT SO INFORM, IN LOW KEY, LEE LASCAZE, FOREIGN EDITOR OF WASHINGTON POST.

2. THIS RIDICULOUS STORY FIRST SURFACED IN PHNOM PENH SOME THREE WEEKS AGO AND WAS BROUGHT TO US BY AP AND FAR EAST ECONOMIC REVIEW REPORTERS. THEY HAD THE GOOD
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3. I SHOULD ADD THAT AT HER REQUEST, I SAW ELIZABETH BECKER ON JUNE 20 PRIOR TO HER DEFINITIVE DEPARTURE FROM PHNOM PENH. DURING THIS 30-MINUTE MEETING, TALE ABOUT MISUSE OF UNIFORMS NEVER CAME UP. I PROVIDED HER AT THAT TIME WITH ON-THE-RECORD STATEMENT ABOUT U.S. POLICY TOWARDS CAMBODIA WHICH WAS VERBATIM TEXT OF BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS PUBLICATION DATED APRIL 8, 1974(P-439).
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